THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALL: Will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Yes.

**Duties of Tahsildars and Assistant Tahsildars.**

14. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: Will the Government be pleased to state the present duties of Tahsildars and Assistant Tahsildars?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The information asked for by the member is given below:—

(*a*) *Duties of Tahsildars.*

Tahsildars are responsible for the efficient land revenue administration of their respective taluks in all its aspects and are expected to exercise adequate supervision over village officers by frequent inspection of their work on the spot and to attend to all important investigations and enquiries under the several Revenue Regulations and Rules.

They have, in addition, duties and responsibilities as Treasury Officers. They are also required to attend to income-tax work, collection of agricultural statistics, applications for agricultural loans, duties connected with the working of the Markets Regulation, election of members for the Legislative Council and the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, and arrangements in connection with Royal tours, and to numerous other duties of a miscellaneous nature. All Tahsildars are *ex officio* Second Class Magistrates, and five of them also try magisterial cases in their taluks.

For further details as to the revenue work of the Tahsildars and their work in relation to other departments and matters, the member is referred to pages 66 to 67 and 110 to 154 of Vol. III, *Land Revenue Manual*.

(*b*) *Duties of Assistant Tahsildars.*

The following are the main duties of Assistant Tahsildars:—

1. LAND RECORDS MAINTENANCE.

Assistant Tahsildars are in responsible charge of land records maintenance work, each in his taluk, subject to the professional control of the Land Records Superintendent. This work comprises the following:—

(*a*) The inspection of the work of the accountants employed on the demarcation and survey of *porambokes*, *viz.*, the verification of the original survey boundary of the *porambokes*, the inspection of the survey of *porambokes* by re-measurement, and the checking of the encroachments detected by the accountants in the course of the survey of *porambokes*.

(*b*) Checking on ground the *pokkuvaravu* subdivisions surveyed and 20 per cent. of the field stones repaired, renewed and newly planted in the *pakuthies*.

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(*c*) Checking the plotting of the fair-plotted sketches prepared by the accountants and the areas noted in them.

(*d*) Checking of the bills that are submitted by the accountants on account of the repair or renewal of the survey marks carried out at Government cost.

(*e*) Renewal and repair of theodolite stations requiring attention.

(*f*) Passing the theodolite and field stones delivered by the stone contractor.

(*g*) Checking the stock register of stones maintained by the *Proverthikar* to see if the sums realised by the sale of stones are remitted into the treasury properly.

2. REVENUE WORK.

(*a*) Doing local inspections and making local enquiries and subdivisions connected with land assignment and submitting reports to the Tahsildars on questions relating to tree-value, *tharavila*, assessment, possession, *bona fide* improvements, etc.

(*b*) Detection of encroachments on Government lands and submission of reports to Tahsildars in the prescribed form with clear sketches of such encroachments and with information as to whether the encroachments or any portions of them are objectionable and hence requiring to be vacated.

(*c*) The disposal of all *pokkuvaravu* cases, contested or uncontested, in the *pakuthies*, other than those relating to sales and other absolute transfers of full survey numbers or whole subdivisions thereof.

(*d*) The bringing up of the B. Registers to date in the *pakuthies* by rectifying errors and supplying omissions and of their supervision and inspection periodically.

(*e*) The work of carrying out eviction orders in cases of objectionable encroachments.

(*f*) The survey of all Government lands available for registry irrespective of the extent of the area to be registered in a survey field in the non-*puduval* taluks and of survey fields under ten acres in the *puduval* taluks.

(*g*) The enquiry and disposal of all boundary disputes arising in the course of *puduval* survey and the survey of *pokkuvaravu* subdivisions under the provisions of the Survey and Boundaries Regulation, X of 1094.

**Statistics of Pokkuvaravu Cases.**

15. THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALLI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the

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